
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Executive Order 61 (96)

COLLECTION OF FEES ON GARNISHMENTS, SUPPORT ORDERS AND TAX LIENS

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under *Article V* of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Chapter 5 of Title 2.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, and subject to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby direct that all executive branch state agencies and institutions implement procedures, as set out below, to collect fees on behalf of the Commonwealth consistent with the provisions of Sections 8.01-512.2, 58.1-1804, and 63.1-256 of the *Code of Virginia*.

The purpose of this Executive Order is to provide for the uniform collection of certain fees by the Commonwealth for costs associated with withholding monies from state employee salaries and wages to satisfy garnishments, tax liens and child support orders.

The *Code of Virginia* provides for the assessment of fees to be paid by an employee for the costs of collection of garnishments, tax liens and child support orders. These fees are properly due to the General Fund of the Commonwealth to offset the cost of collection. In order to provide uniform and equitable treatment for all state employees, it shall be the policy of the Commonwealth to assess fees in all such cases. This policy shall be implemented as follows:

1. The State Comptroller shall provide overall direction to effect the purposes of this Executive Order.
2. The first \$5,000 in revenue collected from the imposition of the subject fees shall be used to make an Employee Suggestion Program award as approved by the State Comptroller.
3. The State Comptroller shall use such additional revenue as may be necessary to make additional awards during the first year of collection, as provided in the Employee Suggestion Program.
4. All other revenues derived from the collection of the subject fees shall be paid into the General Fund of the Commonwealth.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 7th the day of February, 1996.

George Allen
Governor

Attest: Betsy Dais Beamer, Secretary of the Commonwealth